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Fraud Investigation Report Summary January – March 2002

In California, fraud prevention and detection is an integral part of the overall management of public assistance programs. The fraud prevention program is administered at the local level by 58 county welfare departments. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is responsible for developing regulations and disseminating policy information/interpretation to local entities. Within the county welfare departments, the income maintenance units have primary responsibility for determining eligibility and computing grant amounts. If fraud is suspected, the case is referred for investigation to the Special Investigative Unit (SIU). At the discretion of the county, the SIU may be placed in the county welfare department or within another county law enforcement agency such as the District Attorney's or Sheriff's Office. It is the responsibility of the SIU to conduct an investigation of such cases for the purpose of establishing whether or not evidence exists to support a charge of welfare fraud.

The Fraud Investigation Report provides statewide and county-specific fraud activity data on the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and Food Stamp programs. Investigation activity by the SIUs is reflected in this report. Data shown represents the most current statistics available at the time of publication.

The following four reports are the data sources for this publication, and are available on the CDSS Research and Development Division (RADD) external web site at <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research>.

- DPA 266 - Fraud Investigation Activity Report
(January 2002 dated June 25, 2002; February 2002 dated June 25, 2002; and March 2002 dated July 9, 2002)
- CA 237 CW - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report
(January 2002 dated May 1, 2002; February 2002 dated June 12, 2002; and March 2002 dated June 26, 2002)
- CA 237 FC - Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Foster Care (FC) Caseload Movement and Expenditures Report
(January 2002 dated April 4, 2002; February 2002 dated June 3, 2002; and March 2002 dated June 3, 2002)
- DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Coupon Issuance Report
(January 2002, February 2002 and March 2002 dated June 19, 2002)

Unless otherwise stated, each data item in the publication is a quarterly rollup of three months of data from the DPA 266 – Fraud Investigation Activity Report.

CalWORKs Statewide Highlights

January – March 2002

Investigation Requests

- 46,784 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 15,595 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 3% of the 608,858 CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during January - March 2002).
- 45,755 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 46,784 investigation requests received.
 - 27,021 (59%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program (EFP/D) requests.
 - 7,583 (17%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - 7,107 (15%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, homeless assistance, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced warrants, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - 4,044 (9%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 129,371 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - 83,616 (65%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from December 2001).
 - 45,755 (35%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 45,537 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 35% of the 129,371 total investigations available.
 - 14,646 (32%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - 30,891 (68%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 45,537 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - 7,162 (16%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - 3,553 (8%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - 2,284 (5%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - 1,833 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - 1,446 (3%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - 1,301 (3%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - 288 (1%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 45,537 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 6,125 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - 4,849 (79%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from December 2001).
 - 1,276 (21%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- Of the 6,125 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter,
 - 1,027 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 17% of the available prosecution referrals.
- Of the 1,027 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter,
 - 1,037 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained are from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overpayments and Collections

- \$5,689,197 **fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- \$6,261,637 **collections** were made during the quarter.

Food Stamp Statewide Highlights

January – March 2002

Investigation Requests

- 60,476 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 20,159 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 3% of the 693,601 Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during January - March 2002).
- 59,202 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 60,476 investigation requests received.
 - 35,556 (60%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program (EFP/D) requests.
 - 10,231 (17%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - 9,160 (16%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced Food Stamps, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - 4,255 (7%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 162,381 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - 103,179 (64%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from December 2001).
 - 59,202 (36%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 60,393 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 37% of the 162,381 total investigations available.
 - 19,244 (32%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - 41,149 (68%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 60,393 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - 9,825 (16%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - 4,245 (7%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - 2,814 (5%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - 2,507 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - 1,484 (2%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - 1,426 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - 317 (1%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 60,393 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 5,885 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - 4,487 (76%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from December 2001).
 - 1,398 (24%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- Of the 5,885 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter,
 - 1,146 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 19% of the available prosecution referrals.
- Of the 1,146 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter,
 - 1,070 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained are from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overissuances and Collections

- \$6,354,139 **fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- \$2,140,458 **collections** were made during the quarter.

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units**January – March 2002**

Below is a listing of the locations of each county's Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Unit(s).

County	County Welfare Department	District Attorney's Office	County Welfare Department and District Attorney's Office	Sheriff's Office
Statewide	27	20	9	2
Alameda			✓	
Alpine	✓			
Amador			✓	
Butte		✓		
Calaveras			✓	
Colusa		✓		
Contra Costa			✓	
Del Norte		✓		
El Dorado	✓			
Fresno		✓		
Glenn	✓			
Humboldt	✓			
Imperial		✓		
Inyo		✓		
Kern		✓		
Kings	✓			
Lake				✓
Lassen				✓
Los Angeles			✓	
Madera		✓		
Marin	✓			
Mariposa	✓			
Mendocino	✓			
Merced		✓		
Modoc		✓		
Mono		✓		
Monterey			✓	
Napa	✓			
Nevada	✓			
Orange		✓		
Placer	✓			
Plumas	✓			
Riverside	✓			
Sacramento	✓			
San Benito	✓			
San Bernardino	✓			
San Diego		✓		
San Francisco			✓	
San Joaquin		✓		
San Luis Obispo	✓			
San Mateo	✓			
Santa Barbara		✓		
Santa Clara		✓		
Santa Cruz	✓			
Shasta		✓		
Sierra	✓			
Siskiyou	✓			
Solano	✓			
Sonoma	✓			
Stanislaus	✓			
Sutter			✓	
Tehama		✓		
Trinity	✓			
Tulare		✓		
Tuolumne	✓			
Ventura		✓		
Yolo			✓	
Yuba	✓			

CalWORKs

Tables

TABLE 1
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
January – March 2002

County	CalWORKs Caseload ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	608,858	46,784	45,755	45,537	14,646	30,891	81,966
Alameda	21,597	1,049	1,047	1,048	591	457	1,439
Alpine	37	8	8	10	1	9	16
Amador	286	62	62	85	23	62	11
Butte	5,430	371	370	393	180	213	651
Calaveras	564	171	171	172	34	138	2
Colusa	258	11	11	17	3	14	72
Contra Costa	9,852	423	402	366	232	134	440
Del Norte	937	48	48	33	5	28	106
El Dorado	1,352	145	145	181	82	99	403
Fresno	26,434	1,181	1,138	1,245	567	678	3,051
Glenn	540	158	158	137	32	105	155
Humboldt	2,557	133	133	157	63	94	201
Imperial	4,548	221	221	191	167	24	476
Inyo	171	0	0	2	1	1	7
Kern	19,365	3,569	3,446	3,522	1,013	2,509	865
Kings	2,808	705	705	654	213	441	575
Lake	1,860	127	127	128	70	58	83
Lassen	588	69	69	92	8	84	17
Los Angeles	232,052	9,198	8,804	10,494	3,061	7,433	40,148
Madera	3,466	765	765	784	65	719	209
Marin	908	123	123	60	43	17	234
Mariposa	231	9	9	20	5	15	35
Mendocino	1,954	116	115	87	50	37	235
Merced	6,391	690	690	597	202	395	622
Modoc	242	42	42	0	0	0	65
Mono	73	1	1	2	0	2	0
Monterey	5,286	361	346	305	72	233	2,218
Napa	601	16	16	24	9	15	224
Nevada	633	42	31	14	5	9	58
Orange	22,794	2,421	2,408	2,261	1,142	1,119	3,643
Placer	1,651	53	53	73	28	45	229
Plumas	250	25	25	26	15	11	3
Riverside	23,977	5,034	5,023	4,998	867	4,131	1,444
Sacramento	35,468	1,836	1,652	1,389	665	724	5,165
San Benito	591	40	40	41	20	21	25
San Bernardino	42,621	2,228	2,211	2,483	588	1,895	1,352
San Diego	32,678	5,097	4,936	5,114	1,500	3,614	2,852
San Francisco	8,727	405	405	295	201	94	1,697
San Joaquin	14,601	197	197	190	124	66	356
San Luis Obispo	2,067	181	181	153	54	99	182
San Mateo	2,127	130	130	121	63	58	161
Santa Barbara	4,205	172	171	181	76	105	235
Santa Clara	13,701	931	931	1,353	124	1,229	1,924
Santa Cruz	2,025	563	563	572	163	409	36
Shasta	4,129	303	303	264	195	69	875
Sierra	45	10	10	8	2	6	7
Siskiyou	1,010	326	326	315	165	150	97
Solano	4,688	3,026	3,007	1,185	487	698	2,880
Sonoma	2,913	373	373	289	168	121	1,541
Stanislaus	9,295	711	702	490	287	203	1,350
Sutter	1,374	331	331	333	175	158	134
Tehama	1,472	97	97	74	15	59	682
Trinity	270	38	38	51	12	39	18
Tulare	12,708	1,378	1,377	1,560	326	1,234	1,852
Tuolumne	1,046	238	236	188	91	97	176
Ventura	6,390	192	192	174	83	91	160
Yolo	2,669	275	275	202	72	130	216
Yuba	2,347	359	359	334	141	193	56

^{a/} Effective with the January 2002 report month, the source form (CA 237 CW) was changed to collect families data from Two Parent

Families, Zero Parent Families, All Other Families and TANF Timed-Out Cases. Foster Care caseload data from the CA 237 FC is also included. The data is a monthly average for the quarter. NOTE: County numbers do not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

^{b/} Data is from DPA 266 March 2002 Item 7 Investigations pending at end of month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the *beginning* of the quarter, from DPA 266 January 2002 Item 4, was 83,616.

TABLE 2
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
January – March 2002

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	27,021	7,583	4,044	1,800	732	584	3,991
Alameda	385	399	87	70	9	0	97
Alpine	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	3	4	29	2	4	2	18
Butte	58	16	85	37	21	6	147
Calaveras	112	5	12	4	3	2	33
Colusa	0	0	4	7	0	0	0
Contra Costa	259	43	12	26	2	1	59
Del Norte	11	1	19	5	3	1	8
El Dorado	17	5	48	26	8	6	35
Fresno	479	189	123	279	15	4	49
Glenn	45	7	23	22	23	13	25
Humboldt	61	1	33	9	0	0	29
Imperial	126	0	40	27	17	4	7
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	1,398	3	466	113	23	24	1,419
Kings	577	1	61	28	17	5	16
Lake	7	0	61	15	10	1	33
Lassen	51	0	8	2	2	2	4
Los Angeles	5,410	2,273	262	117	0	163	579
Madera	692	20	27	14	3	4	5
Marin	7	99	3	4	3	2	5
Mariposa	3	0	2	1	0	2	1
Mendocino	10	61	19	15	1	3	6
Merced	389	41	140	39	28	13	40
Modoc	4	7	5	9	7	3	7
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Monterey	115	25	21	15	8	7	155
Napa	0	0	4	2	0	0	10
Nevada	5	2	10	4	1	3	6
Orange	2,059	212	25	38	1	3	70
Placer	5	0	18	16	11	2	1
Plumas	12	2	6	0	2	3	0
Riverside	4,318	180	248	92	23	21	141
Sacramento	1,142	249	87	41	19	1	113
San Benito	8	8	6	4	2	0	12
San Bernardino	655	45	793	185	221	116	196
San Diego	4,287	304	109	87	26	12	111
San Francisco	105	230	9	7	0	1	53
San Joaquin	135	28	13	2	0	0	19
San Luis Obispo	46	0	56	22	10	21	26
San Mateo	41	7	29	40	1	1	11
Santa Barbara	33	9	61	31	5	0	32
Santa Clara	374	358	80	65	2	12	40
Santa Cruz	326	216	6	7	2	1	5
Shasta	107	12	113	30	24	4	13
Sierra	0	0	9	1	0	0	0
Siskiyou	81	0	70	22	49	87	17
Solano	968	1,906	66	17	21	2	27
Sonoma	55	263	31	9	0	4	11
Stanislaus	104	216	241	18	43	2	78
Sutter	218	0	39	27	5	2	40
Tehama	22	1	37	21	8	3	5
Trinity	18	2	7	7	0	2	2
Tulare	985	88	154	51	16	6	77
Tuolumne	183	8	24	7	6	2	6
Ventura	173	0	7	6	0	0	6
Yolo	155	16	33	19	15	3	34
Yuba	174	21	63	36	12	1	52

a/ "Other" includes homeless assistance, duplicate warrants, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 3
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
January – March 2002

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	7,162	1,301	288	3,553	1,833	2,284	1,446
Alameda	245	187	0	105	1	53	31
Alpine	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	4	19	0	0
Butte	77	22	0	12	61	9	10
Calaveras	19	0	0	3	10	2	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Contra Costa	76	22	2	46	0	86	0
Del Norte	1	1	0	0	2	1	0
El Dorado	3	1	0	15	17	46	0
Fresno	158	66	169	82	81	11	123
Glenn	10	0	0	6	12	4	0
Humboldt	18	10	0	23	34	3	0
Imperial	22	0	0	16	12	3	0
Inyo	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	600	30	2	46	208	127	1
Kings	169	26	0	1	9	8	0
Lake	6	6	0	25	27	19	0
Lassen	4	1	0	0	3	0	0
Los Angeles	1,644	246	0	1,018	51	911	0
Madera	5	11	0	24	23	2	8
Marin	4	1	0	24	19	13	0
Mariposa	3	0	0	2	0	0	9
Mendocino	1	1	0	29	1	18	1
Merced	37	32	0	33	73	12	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Monterey	40	2	0	0	14	16	12
Napa	0	3	0	3	3	0	1
Nevada	0	1	0	1	1	2	0
Orange	694	55	25	281	354	215	7
Placer	6	6	0	4	10	2	1
Plumas	3	0	0	4	4	4	0
Riverside	569	72	0	209	0	8	1
Sacramento	398	73	0	169	23	2	33
San Benito	6	3	0	1	10	0	1
San Bernardino	37	75	11	187	320	101	0
San Diego	1,035	45	63	378	6	87	0
San Francisco	40	39	0	50	23	10	2
San Joaquin	64	44	0	2	7	14	0
San Luis Obispo	10	1	1	2	31	3	3
San Mateo	19	2	0	16	20	6	0
Santa Barbara	12	13	0	33	24	12	1
Santa Clara	24	57	0	133	0	0	1,158
Santa Cruz	136	7	0	14	6	0	0
Shasta	39	18	0	9	37	92	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Siskiyou	22	2	0	34	58	49	1
Solano	343	32	0	80	4	28	10
Sonoma	45	2	3	150	36	105	0
Stanislaus	43	17	8	118	109	45	0
Sutter	58	0	0	14	11	93	0
Tehama	4	0	3	0	4	4	0
Trinity	2	4	0	1	2	5	0
Tulare	187	31	0	91	14	3	30
Tuolumne	49	1	0	8	10	23	0
Ventura	80	3	0	0	0	0	2
Yolo	22	17	1	20	9	11	0
Yuba	72	12	0	27	18	12	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 1.

TABLE 4
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
January – March 2002

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	1,276	6,125	1,027	193
Alameda	187	572	197	15
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	25	0	21
Butte	22	29	16	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	3	74	1	0
Del Norte	1	18	1	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0
Fresno	66	99	57	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	10	12	9	1
Imperial	0	25	0	0
Inyo	1	2	2	0
Kern	30	95	7	3
Kings	26	42	13	8
Lake	6	31	7	4
Lassen	1	2	0	0
Los Angeles	246	577	203	63
Madera	11	11	11	0
Marin	1	2	1	0
Mariposa	0	4	4	0
Mendocino	1	21	0	0
Merced	32	614	38	0
Modoc	17	17	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	1	38	4	1
Napa	3	30	0	0
Nevada	0	2	0	0
Orange	57	133	50	9
Placer	6	136	2	0
Plumas	0	8	0	0
Riverside	65	106	62	1
Sacramento	73	458	19	5
San Benito	3	4	1	2
San Bernardino	75	502	74	0
San Diego	40	429	33	1
San Francisco	39	131	1	38
San Joaquin	44	101	25	7
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	2	90	2	0
Santa Barbara	13	13	9	4
Santa Clara	57	1,173	55	0
Santa Cruz	7	7	7	0
Shasta	18	35	30	1
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	2	4	2	0
Solano	32	307	3	3
Sonoma	2	11	3	0
Stanislaus	17	17	17	0
Sutter	1	1	1	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	2	4	4	0
Tulare	31	31	28	3
Tuolumne	1	8	0	0
Ventura	3	19	3	3
Yolo	17	17	17	0
Yuba	4	38	8	0

^{a/} Data is from DPA 266 January 2002 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus January, February, and March 2002's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 5
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
January – March 2002

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	1,037	70	81	97	161	3	63	0
Alameda	140	24	24	0	90	0	12	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	0	0	9	5	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	7	0	0	6	0	3	10	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	132	3	0	0	4	0	0	0
Glenn	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	19	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kings	6	0	5	0	1	0	2	0
Lake	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	210	0	0	0	21	0	0	0
Madera	12	0	18	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
Merced	28	0	0	0	2	0	8	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	7	8	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	21	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Placer	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	37	0	0	63	3	0	0	0
Sacramento	76	0	0	0	0	0	17	0
San Benito	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	53	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
San Diego	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Francisco	2	36	0	0	0	0	2	0
San Joaquin	28	0	0	0	3	0	5	0
San Luis Obispo	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	14	3	5	0	0	0	1	0
Santa Clara	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Shasta	18	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	27	0	0	0	5	0	3	0
Sonoma	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sutter	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Tulare	44	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	9	7	0	0	0	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 6
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD OVERPAYMENTS AND COLLECTIONS
January – March 2002

County	Fraud Overpayments Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$5,689,197	\$6,261,637
Alameda	902,610	416,377
Alpine	0	0
Amador	38,792	773
Butte	16,977	35,619
Calaveras	2,319	2,732
Colusa	0	38
Contra Costa	51,425	133,641
Del Norte	0	4,697
El Dorado	16,823	51,117
Fresno	166,979	188,225
Glenn	3,538	9,491
Humboldt	35,441	12,313
Imperial	0	9,756
Inyo	2,092	2,135
Kern	106,478	148,675
Kings	4,448	57,689
Lake	58,802	8,172
Lassen	4,344	3,335
Los Angeles	470,673	1,344,980
Madera	22,883	34,273
Marin	18,244	24,370
Mariposa	3,919	1,621
Mendocino	55,468	26,374
Merced	26,425	10,747
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	1,895	82,609
Napa	4,777	4,312
Nevada	323	10,384
Orange	273,830	232,712
Placer	24,053	60,253
Plumas	1,486	4,076
Riverside	224,134	266,793
Sacramento	590,503	554,699
San Benito	14,951	20,597
San Bernardino	283,712	361,823
San Diego	389,122	558,186
San Francisco	164,670	238,967
San Joaquin	182,099	48,121
San Luis Obispo	4,140	6,789
San Mateo	97,853	3,561
Santa Barbara	15,630	111,327
Santa Clara	472,237	410,037
Santa Cruz	32,521	42,328
Shasta	52,288	13,520
Sierra	10	1,034
Siskiyou	39,000	55,000
Solano	319,360	159,292
Sonoma	79,951	135,306
Stanislaus	109,092	129,611
Sutter	16,626	8,506
Tehama	0	1,729
Trinity	3,859	1,786
Tulare	240,110	0
Tuolumne	8,922	6,650
Ventura	0	123,430
Yolo	12,351	49,210
Yuba	21,012	31,839

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TABLE 7
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
January – March 2002

County	Participating Households ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	693,601	60,476	59,202	60,393	19,244	41,149	101,824
Alameda	21,098	1,252	1,250	1,261	721	540	1,531
Alpine	33	9	9	20	1	19	25
Amador	363	78	78	129	28	101	7
Butte	6,246	394	391	435	224	211	670
Calaveras	717	352	352	353	76	277	9
Colusa	472	17	17	24	5	19	118
Contra Costa	8,399	462	451	398	266	132	488
Del Norte	1,285	58	58	53	7	46	136
El Dorado	1,610	203	203	254	111	143	394
Fresno	30,969	1,322	1,276	1,279	610	669	1,591
Glenn	707	322	322	276	58	218	381
Humboldt	3,916	195	194	222	87	135	222
Imperial	5,008	247	247	211	187	24	516
Inyo	362	22	19	29	5	24	12
Kern	19,024	3,859	3,736	3,822	1,109	2,713	856
Kings	4,023	1,034	1,034	973	282	691	668
Lake	2,404	137	137	140	80	60	102
Lassen	683	74	74	122	9	113	16
Los Angeles	286,022	13,335	12,629	15,972	4,079	11,893	55,847
Madera	4,424	893	893	926	85	841	296
Marin	1,430	225	225	81	57	24	564
Mariposa	333	13	13	22	5	17	45
Mendocino	2,539	153	152	107	67	40	267
Merced	7,486	1,056	1,056	966	299	667	574
Modoc	307	46	46	0	0	0	69
Mono	114	1	1	2	0	2	0
Monterey	6,506	564	549	491	94	397	1,982
Napa	765	46	46	52	16	36	304
Nevada	763	51	41	18	8	10	78
Orange	25,457	2,501	2,484	2,440	1,433	1,007	3,254
Placer	1,682	69	69	89	32	57	252
Plumas	256	27	27	37	22	15	17
Riverside	20,788	8,535	8,522	8,522	1,501	7,021	1,729
Sacramento	33,838	1,530	1,473	1,205	616	589	5,364
San Benito	746	33	33	30	20	10	40
San Bernardino	44,747	2,914	2,897	2,932	774	2,158	1,766
San Diego	29,710	4,745	4,537	4,680	1,634	3,046	3,594
San Francisco	15,187	1,082	1,082	842	554	288	3,306
San Joaquin	15,104	187	187	193	131	62	365
San Luis Obispo	2,626	218	218	185	75	110	242
San Mateo	2,313	158	158	148	76	72	364
Santa Barbara	5,993	234	233	234	101	133	202
Santa Clara	14,965	742	742	1,342	84	1,258	2,289
Santa Cruz	3,183	959	959	962	227	735	48
Shasta	4,635	415	415	365	265	100	1,023
Sierra	49	10	10	8	2	6	8
Siskiyou	1,346	607	607	620	281	339	159
Solano	4,392	3,730	3,709	1,631	641	990	3,291
Sonoma	3,752	394	394	528	364	164	1,663
Stanislaus	10,111	865	854	585	345	240	1,589
Sutter	1,574	566	566	567	330	237	169
Tehama	1,936	97	97	74	15	59	582
Trinity	302	60	59	80	16	64	22
Tulare	16,056	1,748	1,747	2,018	490	1,528	1,813
Tuolumne	874	423	417	354	192	162	277
Ventura	8,636	275	275	270	121	149	298
Yolo	2,774	407	407	313	100	213	269
Yuba	2,563	525	525	501	226	275	61

a/ Data is the monthly average of the January - March 2002 quarter of Federal and State Public Assistance and Nonassistance Food Stamp participating households from the DFA 256 report. NOTE: County numbers do not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 March 2002 Item 7 Investigations pending at the end of the month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the beginning of the quarter from DPA 266 January 2002 Item 4 was 103,179.

TABLE 8
Food Stamp Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
January – March 2002

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	35,556	10,231	4,255	2,109	896	821	5,334
Alameda	471	459	57	117	10	0	136
Alpine	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	3	4	32	7	7	2	23
Butte	77	23	94	46	27	7	117
Calaveras	267	9	12	5	6	4	49
Colusa	0	0	4	8	0	0	5
Contra Costa	258	62	14	29	2	1	85
Del Norte	14	1	19	9	3	1	11
El Dorado	35	15	53	45	7	10	38
Fresno	561	222	125	294	15	4	55
Glenn	116	8	42	53	40	17	46
Humboldt	61	1	37	11	4	0	80
Imperial	150	0	42	28	17	4	6
Inyo	1	14	1	0	3	0	0
Kern	1,399	6	488	116	23	25	1,679
Kings	859	0	66	45	17	7	40
Lake	7	0	65	14	13	1	37
Lassen	55	0	8	2	2	2	5
Los Angeles	7,689	3,593	285	127	0	279	656
Madera	810	30	25	15	3	4	6
Marin	10	162	3	4	7	2	37
Mariposa	3	0	3	2	2	2	1
Mendocino	12	84	19	18	2	7	10
Merced	682	87	139	45	37	12	54
Modoc	5	7	5	9	11	3	6
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Monterey	135	37	25	16	9	9	318
Napa	0	0	7	11	1	1	26
Nevada	8	2	11	10	2	3	5
Orange	2,176	234	24	39	1	5	5
Placer	11	0	20	17	12	2	7
Plumas	11	3	8	1	1	3	0
Riverside	7,680	239	291	95	23	22	172
Sacramento	982	324	79	37	17	1	33
San Benito	9	8	6	4	2	0	4
San Bernardino	892	64	908	212	262	135	424
San Diego	3,820	416	99	98	25	12	67
San Francisco	135	401	9	9	17	1	510
San Joaquin	130	30	12	3	0	0	12
San Luis Obispo	58	0	57	27	12	24	40
San Mateo	40	10	30	52	4	1	21
Santa Barbara	51	13	63	38	8	1	59
Santa Clara	246	352	66	51	2	8	17
Santa Cruz	629	308	8	6	3	1	4
Shasta	201	15	112	39	27	5	16
Sierra	0	0	9	1	0	0	0
Siskiyou	261	0	72	29	70	162	13
Solano	1,381	2,199	63	23	21	2	20
Sonoma	55	278	21	11	0	3	26
Stanislaus	133	313	247	26	41	3	91
Sutter	447	0	39	40	5	1	34
Tehama	22	1	37	21	8	3	5
Trinity	31	2	10	7	1	3	5
Tulare	1,249	135	162	67	20	7	107
Tuolumne	358	9	21	11	9	4	5
Ventura	260	0	2	5	1	0	7
Yolo	266	23	36	21	17	3	41
Yuba	325	28	63	33	17	1	58

a/ "Other" includes replaced lost Food Stamps, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 9
Food Stamp Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
January – March 2002

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	9,825	1,426	317	4,245	2,507	2,814	1,484
Alameda	302	224	0	120	28	47	28
Alpine	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	1	0	5	22	0	0
Butte	110	23	0	15	72	10	13
Calaveras	55	0	0	3	12	6	0
Colusa	0	2	0	0	0	3	0
Contra Costa	96	19	2	66	0	83	0
Del Norte	2	1	0	0	2	2	0
El Dorado	7	1	0	21	18	64	0
Fresno	176	61	169	100	93	11	80
Glenn	25	0	0	11	17	5	0
Humboldt	32	11	0	30	46	3	0
Imperial	28	0	0	17	12	3	0
Inyo	0	1	0	0	3	1	0
Kern	661	36	2	47	234	129	1
Kings	231	30	0	3	12	6	1
Lake	7	7	0	28	31	21	0
Lassen	4	1	0	0	4	0	0
Los Angeles	2,303	255	0	1,201	85	1,176	0
Madera	8	16	0	32	27	2	0
Marin	5	1	0	32	22	16	0
Mariposa	2	0	0	2	1	0	11
Mendocino	2	3	0	45	5	12	1
Merced	58	42	0	64	117	8	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Monterey	52	3	0	0	17	22	10
Napa	1	3	0	6	6	0	1
Nevada	1	2	0	2	2	1	0
Orange	949	55	33	287	410	59	8
Placer	11	7	0	1	11	2	1
Plumas	6	0	0	5	6	5	0
Riverside	1,134	83	0	265	0	8	1
Sacramento	398	63	0	131	22	2	33
San Benito	6	2	0	2	9	1	2
San Bernardino	67	86	15	272	415	126	0
San Diego	1,052	46	76	495	11	87	0
San Francisco	48	82	0	116	252	18	3
San Joaquin	69	47	0	1	8	15	0
San Luis Obispo	16	2	1	3	44	4	2
San Mateo	16	1	0	24	25	10	0
Santa Barbara	22	16	0	42	30	15	3
Santa Clara	21	25	1	95	0	0	1,204
Santa Cruz	196	7	0	19	5	0	0
Shasta	68	23	0	8	48	118	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Siskiyou	97	2	0	16	74	92	1
Solano	501	30	0	86	4	20	32
Sonoma	45	2	4	157	37	317	2
Stanislaus	54	17	10	162	111	48	0
Sutter	130	0	0	14	16	171	0
Tehama	4	0	3	0	4	4	0
Trinity	1	4	0	4	3	6	0
Tulare	306	33	0	128	21	2	43
Tuolumne	145	1	0	8	10	28	0
Ventura	112	9	0	0	0	0	3
Yolo	43	20	1	28	11	13	0
Yuba	139	20	0	26	30	11	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 7.

TABLE 10
Food Stamp Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
January – March 2002

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	1,398	5,885	1,146	222
Alameda	224	519	233	17
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	2	7	0	0
Butte	23	31	17	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	2	2	0	2
Contra Costa	3	65	1	0
Del Norte	1	17	1	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0
Fresno	61	78	63	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	11	13	9	1
Imperial	0	26	0	0
Inyo	0	1	1	0
Kern	36	95	8	3
Kings	30	53	21	8
Lake	7	33	7	5
Lassen	1	2	0	0
Los Angeles	255	937	194	64
Madera	16	16	16	0
Marin	1	2	1	0
Mariposa	0	4	4	0
Mendocino	3	32	0	0
Merced	42	735	106	0
Modoc	17	17	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	2	43	5	1
Napa	3	30	0	0
Nevada	1	3	0	0
Orange	55	129	50	8
Placer	7	165	4	0
Plumas	0	6	0	0
Riverside	80	115	71	2
Sacramento	63	359	15	4
San Benito	2	4	0	2
San Bernardino	86	557	80	0
San Diego	40	337	31	1
San Francisco	82	214	5	75
San Joaquin	47	98	27	7
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	1	80	2	0
Santa Barbara	16	16	11	5
Santa Clara	25	507	26	0
Santa Cruz	7	7	7	0
Shasta	23	42	32	5
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	2	4	2	0
Solano	30	301	3	3
Sonoma	2	12	3	0
Stanislaus	17	17	17	0
Sutter	1	1	1	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	2	3	4	0
Tulare	33	33	31	2
Tuolumne	1	10	0	0
Ventura	9	39	9	7
Yolo	20	20	20	0
Yuba	6	48	8	0

^{a/} Data is from DPA 266 January 2002 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus January, February, and March 2002's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 11
Food Stamp Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
January – March 2002

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	1,070	112	109	108	179	3	112	0
Alameda	170	34	34	0	99	0	13	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	0	0	9	5	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	7	0	0	6	0	3	9	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	129	3	0	0	4	0	0	0
Glenn	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kern	23	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kings	6	0	6	0	1	0	2	0
Lake	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	204	0	0	0	22	0	0	0
Madera	15	1	24	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
Merced	42	0	0	0	6	0	58	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	4	5	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Placer	0	0	2	6	0	0	1	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	47	0	0	69	3	0	0	0
Sacramento	70	0	0	0	0	0	13	0
San Benito	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	61	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
San Diego	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Francisco	5	72	0	0	0	0	3	0
San Joaquin	24	0	0	0	4	0	5	0
San Luis Obispo	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	14	1	6	0	0	0	2	0
Santa Clara	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Shasta	19	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	30	0	0	0	6	0	3	0
Sonoma	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sutter	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Tulare	47	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Yolo	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	15	6	1	0	0	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 12
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD OVERISSUANCES AND COLLECTIONS
January – March 2002

County	Fraud Overissuances Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$6,354,139	\$2,140,458
Alameda	560,177	247,161
Alpine	0	0
Amador	17,355	689
Butte	20,980	11,488
Calaveras	1,043	376
Colusa	0	2,128
Contra Costa	39,520	27,685
Del Norte	4,046	4,977
El Dorado	18,883	15,950
Fresno	113,081	54,404
Glenn	7,302	7,595
Humboldt	15,263	6,614
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	373	1,343
Kern	64,050	84,331
Kings	9,050	35,562
Lake	26,595	4,891
Lassen	5,221	477
Los Angeles	3,075,674	58,505
Madera	22,721	37,732
Marin	6,072	6,039
Mariposa	3,210	682
Mendocino	32,010	30,999
Merced	46,203	3,525
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	317	35,709
Napa	6,240	2,868
Nevada	1,168	1,951
Orange	137,588	74,017
Placer	9,549	30,267
Plumas	485	2,815
Riverside	201,099	112,349
Sacramento	293,691	213,334
San Benito	7,227	14,465
San Bernardino	235,361	301,408
San Diego	262,215	54,770
San Francisco	137,090	106,008
San Joaquin	71,385	25,245
San Luis Obispo	2,238	3,255
San Mateo	30,222	3,765
Santa Barbara	18,396	42,317
Santa Clara	204,456	60,712
Santa Cruz	15,891	8,862
Shasta	21,457	13,843
Sierra	0	299
Siskiyou	45,300	64,000
Solano	119,349	70,154
Sonoma	26,497	33,589
Stanislaus	122,265	85,957
Sutter	11,839	3,669
Tehama	0	3,332
Trinity	1,594	2,339
Tulare	237,620	0
Tuolumne	7,148	4,726
Ventura	0	65,169
Yolo	23,273	33,552
Yuba	14,350	22,559



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